

**Abstract of the Disclosure:**

A method and tool for simplifying the Customs Classification process (e.g., assignment of HTSUS numbers to components and products). Using information about the importer's business, selected item numbers from the HTSUS are mapped  
5 onto a secondary classification set. Then, a decision tree is constructed for the secondary classification. A user interface is constructed which contains simplified questions to enable a user to "walk through" the decision tree and arrive at an appropriate classification.

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